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Method and apparatus for shorthand processing of medical images, wherein

mouse positionings and/or actuations will immediately control image

measuring functionalities, and a pertinent computer program

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This paper is in response to an Advisory Action mailed June 23, 2006 from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and is filed with a Request for Continued Examination.

As this response is filed on or before July 24, 2006, which is within one month of the shortened statutory period, Applicants believe that a fee of \$120.00 is due. A check for this amount is enclosed. Please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account Number 503344, Ref. No. 30368-016. Applicants respectfully petition for a one-month extension of time for submission of this response.

Amendments to the specification are found on page 2.

Amendments to the claims are found beginning on page 3.

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